



4184-42-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

CFDA Number: 93.564

Announcement of the Award of a Single-Source Expansion Supplement Grant to the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services in Lacey, WA.

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement, ACF, HHS

ACTION: Notice of the award of a single-source expansion supplement grant to the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services in Lacey, WA, to support the development of additional dissemination tools such as reports and web-based trainings on the lessons learned and early findings from the Evaluation of Behavioral Interventions for Child Support Services of the Behavioral Interventions for Child Support Services (BICS) Demonstration.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), Division of Program Innovation, announces the award of a single-source program expansion supplement grant in the amount of \$34,568 to the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services in Lacey, WA, to support the development of additional dissemination tools such as reports and web-based trainings on the lessons learned and early findings from the Evaluation of the

Behavioral Interventions for Child Support Services of the Behavioral Interventions for Child Support Services (BICS) Demonstration.

In FY 2014, OCSE competitively awarded a cooperative agreement to the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to conduct a 5-year evaluation of OCSE's national demonstration called Behavioral Interventions for Child Support Services (BICS) under Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) number HHS-2014-ACF-OCSE-FD-0822. Under this FOA, a total of \$1.7 million of 1115 funds are made available over the five year project period to conduct this evaluation. The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services was the only grantee that received funding under this FOA.

DATES: The period of support for this supplement is September 30, 2015 through September 29, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Antelo, Senior Program Specialist, Office of Child Support Enforcement, 330 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20201. Telephone: 202-401-5099; Email: Lauren.Antelo@acf.hhs.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FY 2014, OCSE competitively awarded a cooperative agreement to the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to conduct a 5-year evaluation of OCSE's national demonstration called Behavioral Interventions for Child Support Services (BICS).

This supplement will allow the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to develop additional dissemination tools such as reports and web-based trainings on the lessons learned and early findings from the evaluation of Behavioral Interventions for Child Support Services Demonstration.

The cost of the BICS evaluation is larger than originally budgeted because the process mapping and project design phase has been significantly slower than anticipated for the grantees. This has led to the need for increased technical assistance to the BICS grantees by the evaluation grantee. Additionally, as a result of the mapping and design phase, OCSE anticipates an increased number of interesting findings that will be of benefit to the greater child support field.

The supplement funds will allow Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to provide increased technical assistance to the BICS demonstration sites, and support the development additional dissemination tools such as reports and web-based trainings on the lessons learned and early findings from the Evaluation of BICS.

Specifically, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services will explore the development of innovative, user-friendly tools such as podcasts and infographics that will provide research findings and learning to the child support community in a way that is easily accessible to interested program administrators and

policy officials. These tools will also continue to build the evidence-base in what works in the delivery of child support services.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 1115 of the Social Security Act authorizes funds for experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects that are likely to assist in promoting the objectives of Part D of Title IV.

Christopher Beach

Senior Grants Policy Specialist

Office of Administration

[FR Doc. 2016-08649 Filed: 4/14/2016 8:45 am; Publication Date: 4/15/2016]